

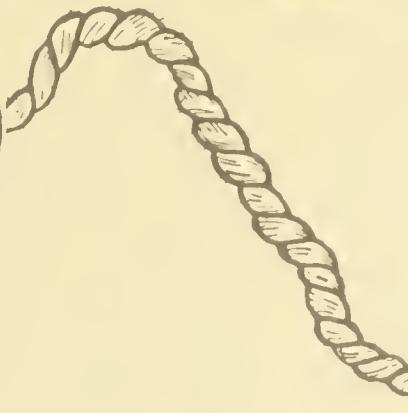
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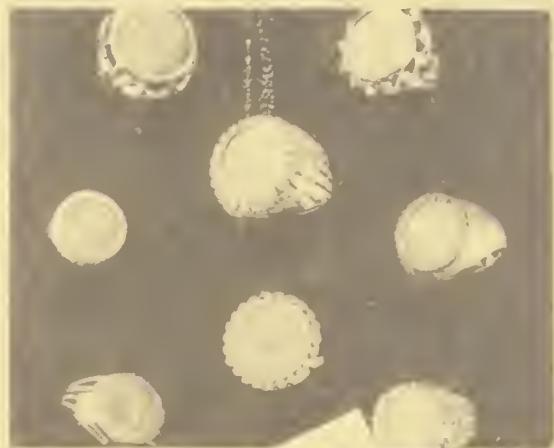
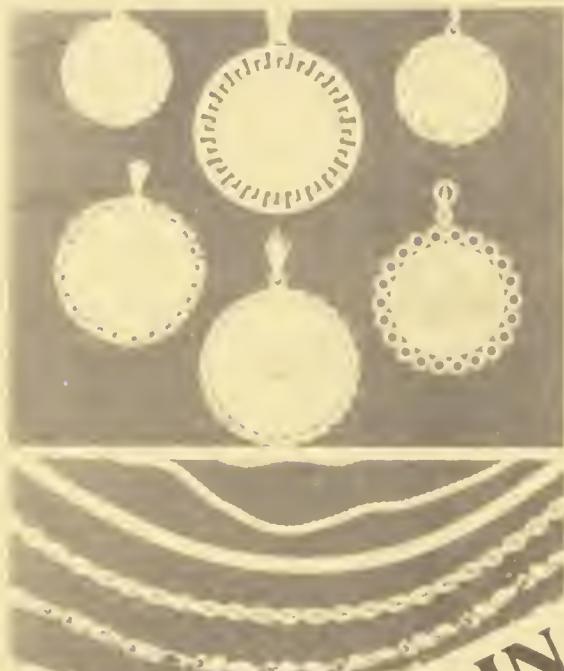
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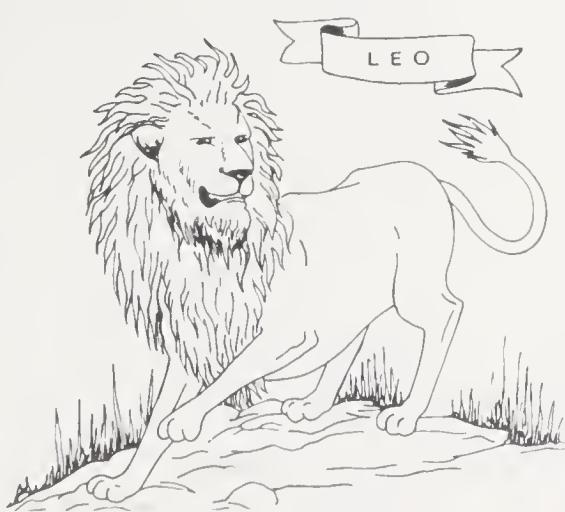
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How about whipping up an article on your favorite subject - coins or currency - and send to **TNA NEWS**. It would be mighty welcome!

REMEMBER — The
1st of August is the deadline for the September issue of **TNA NEWS**.

THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

Lee Grossman,
San Antonio, Tx.

THE COINAGE OF BRUNEI

It was during the latter part of the A.D. 1300s that the Sultanate of Brunei was established. It was made a dependent of the Javanese empire. With the spread of the Islamic religion in the 1400s, Brunei became a Muslim state. By the 1500s, the Sultanate had taken over most of the Island of Borneo, as well as some parts of the Philippine Islands. In the 1700s, Brunei influence began to decline because of a weak ruler. The Malayian inhabitants revolted, but in 1841, James Brooke interceded. As a reward, the Sultan of Brunei granted the territory of Sarawak to Brooke.

Research indicates that the earliest Brunei coinage was put into circulation around the 18th century, and were coins of tin, lead or tin alloy called "nitis" or "cash." Some types had various animals with an Arabic inscription, such as "Sultan Al Adil, Malik Al Thahir" (The Just Sultan, the Acknowledged Ruler). At least 19 different types are known, and are priced from a few hundred dollars each, to the very scarce or rare with prices in the thousands of dollars.

In 1967, the British-protected independent sultanate of Brunei issued a set of five coins, ending a numismatic drought that had lasted 80 years. Previous to this emission, Brunei's entire modern coinage consisted of a lonely, solitary coin of the

cent denomination. The coin was minted at the Heaton Mint in Birmingham, England, in 1887. Joseph Moore of Birmingham, was the engraver and records show that one million pieces were struck.

The obverse of the coin has an inner circle with a large numeral "1" in the center. Around the outer edge of the coin is the name of the country: SULTANATE OF BRUNEI. Below appears the Hegira era date -1304 - in Western numerals. They were issued by Sultan Hashim Jelal.

The reverse has a large 5-pointed star in an inner circle, surrounded by the legend in Malay-Persian: "BELANJAH PERENTAH BRUNEI. SATU SIN, SANET 1304," which literally translates to "BRUNEI FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION, ONE CENT, YEAR 1304 AH."

The edge is plain, but has an outer toothed border on both the obverse and reverse. Exact metallic content is not known, since it has been described as both copper and bronze by various experts. Major Fred Pridmore terms the coin as copper. Richard Yeoman calls it bronze (Y-1). The coin measures 29 millimeters in diameter and weighs 9.33 grams.

Prior to 1967, this coin was a must for all coin collectors seeking to obtain one coin from each country. It was practically impossible to find a specimen suitable for exhibit. The

run of these coins is from Good to Fine condition. To make matters worse, the large figure "1" in the center was poorly struck, leaving a hollow center on almost all of the coins.

Proof specimens of the coin are known and were probably used as presentation pieces. A coin with a well-struck center or without deep rim nicks, or in Extra Fine or better condition, is a rarity. The Brunei cent of 1887 was more of a political item than a trade coin instigated by Great Britain.

The Brunei cent of 1887 is fairly expensive. The first listing by Richard S. Yeoman in his 2nd edition of "Catalog of Modern World Coins," valued the piece at 50 cents. His 9th edition listed the coin at \$10 in Fine condition. The 1974 edition of "Standard Catalog of World Coins" by Krause & Mishler, showed the valuation at \$3 in Very Good condition, \$10 in Very Fine and \$30 in Uncirculated; and the 1981 edition indicates \$20 in VF and \$60 in Uncirculated.

In addition to the Brunei coin circulating, coinage of Sarawak, Straits Settlements, Malaysia and British North Borneo also have circulated in Brunei.

The history and the geographical position of Brunei are most interesting. A sultanate, it is situated in northeast Borneo and consists of two separate geographical areas. Each area fronts on the South China Sea and they are otherwise surrounded by Sarawak. The state consists of 2,226 square miles with 144,000 inhabitants. The population is made up mostly of Malaysians, Borneans and Chinese. The country contains

some of the largest oil fields in the British Commonwealth. In the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan (formerly Brunei until 1970), lives 30,000 people. The nation enacts its own laws, but it is responsible to the governor of Sarawak, who is also high commissioner in Brunei. The country is also called KALIMANTAN, as well as NEGERI BRUNEI.

Ferdinand Magellan first visited Brunei in 1521. Spaniards captured the capital in 1580 but were driven out by pirates, who controlled the country and nearby islands. In 1840, the British navy subdued the pirates in an effort to protect shipping. In 1888, a treaty was concluded placing Brunei under British protection. In World War II, the Japanese captured Brunei to gain control of the rich oil fields.

In 1967, Sultan Sir Omar Ali Saifuddin was honored with his portrait on Brunei's new coinage - the first in 80 years. Included in the 5-coin set was a bronze 1 sen piece and cupronickel 5-10-20 and 50 sens.

Sultan Saifuddin abdicated on Oct. 4, 1967, and was succeeded by his son, Hassanal Bolkiah I. In 1968, a new bronze 1 sen and cupronickel 5-10-20 and 50 sens were issued with the bust of Sultan Bolkiah on the obverse, with the legend on the reverse showing the name of the country, the date and the value.

In 1970, a cupronickel one dollar (Y-12) was minted in Proof condition only. It is 33 millimeters in diameter. The obverse has the sultan's portrait in the center, with the words around the outer perimeter "SULTAN HAS-SANAL BOLKIAH I." The reverse has an old-type cannon in the center,

with "1970" above it and \$1 below. Around the outer edge is "KERA-JAAN BRUNEI SATU RINGGIT - ONE DOLLAR," which means "Sultanate of Brunei - ONE DOLLAR." It is valued at \$35.

Brunei has been issuing a 5-coin set since 1967 except for 1969, 1972 and 1975. A variety of the 1970 Proof dollar was issued in 1979. It is a proof cupronickel coin with the numeral "1" in the title on the reverse side. In 1977, Brunei issued a .925 Sterling Silver \$10 crown (Y-13) in Proof only. A .917 Gold \$1000 crown (Y-15) was issued only Proof in 1978. The silver crown is valued at about \$50, while the gold crown sells for \$1500.

Krause/Mishler's "Standard Catalog of World Coins," 1981 edition, page 210, shows a tin 1/2 Pitis (KM #20), 24mm dated AH 1285 (AD 1868/69) and a tin 1 Pitis (KM #21), 30mm, dated AH 1285 (AD 1868/69). The former is valued at \$70 in XF, and the latter selling for \$50 in the same grade. However, these coins were easily counterfeited and withdrawn from circulation. Apparently the two Pitis coins were issued during the reign of Sultan Abdul Mumin (AD 1852-1885).

Sultan Sir Omar Ali Saifuddin issued currency in 1967 in denominations of 1-5-10-50 and 100 dollars. All are expensive in crisp Uncirculated condition. In 1972, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah issued paper money in 1-50 and 100 dollars denominations, which are also quite expensive.

Today, it is possible for a collector to obtain a specimen of a coin, and even a complete set, of Brunei coinage at a reasonable cost.

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TIM'S KOIN KORNER

W. L. Timmons

Dallas, Tx.

In my last column I discussed Napoleon I and II. Napoleon I was the famous Napoleon Bonaparte. His son, Napoleon II, was never in power. His mother, Napoleon's second wife, was Marie Louise of Austria, daughter of Emperor Francis I. He lived with his mother in Austria and died at the age of 21.

After the 1790 Revolution the French government bounced around between kings, consuls, presidents and dictators. The infamous Maximilian Ropespierre was responsible for the guillotining of thousands of the royalty class and was finally given his own medicine in 1794.

Napoleon I ruled from 1799 to 1814, King Louis XVIII, 1814-1815, Napoleon I again in 1815 and Louis XVIII from 1815 to 1824. Charles X, brother of Louis XVIII from 1824 to 1830. Louis Philippe from 1830 to 1848 when he abdicated, and the second empire started with Napoleon III.

Napoleon III (1808-73) was the son of Napoleon I's brother, Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland. Because of an 1816 French law which exiled the Bonapartes from France, he was

raised in Italy, Germany and Switzerland. He was involved in overthrow attempts against Louis Philippe in 1836 and 1840.

Another French revolution in 1848 led to the 2nd Republic. Louis Napoleon III returned, was elected to the assembly and later elected President by a wide margin. In 1852 he proclaimed himself emperor. He was involved in many unfortunate foreign adventures, including the installation of Maximilian as the Dictator of Mexico.

Napoleon III angered the Germans by trying to annex some of their states, resulting in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. He lost and surrendered on September 2, 1870 with 80,000 troops. Another revolution overthrew his empire on September 4, 1870. He retired to England and died three years later.

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WOOD SOUVENIR FEATURES CRANE

By Glen Littrell
Corpus Christi, Tx.

This is the fifth year to present a "Whooping Crane" wood. Most of these have been in support of Coin Week North America.

Last fall, my wife Amber and I took the "Whooping Crane" boat excursion to see first hand the majesty and the beauty of the giant birds in their natural habitat. On occasions we were able to come within 30 feet of the "Whoopers" feeding in pairs in the marshy green shallows above Matagorda Island. The U.S. Government just recently turned over these islands to the State of Texas for future supervision. The birds appear exactly as shown on this year's wood souvenirs and bird watchers come from all over the country to the Coastal Bend to see the endangered specie.

The 1983 Coin Week theme - "EXPLORING OUR PROUD HERITAGE" - can easily be divided in thirds to identify one or all three supporting countries.

In America, EXPLORING the west led to the miracle of agriculture and then the Industrial Revolution provided the U.S. with the opportunity for a leadership role in the world today.

OUR PROUD neighbors to the south are fully aware of their strength in natural resources, including oil, minerals and scenic wonders. The Eagle and the Snake shown on the wood appears on the popular 8 real from 1824 to 1897.



Nowhere has the HERITAGE of a country been so prominent as in Canada where they share a rich Franco-British culture and language. Canada has this year chosen Moncton, New Brunswick as the Numismatic Capitol of the country where they meet in July for their national convention. The half penny of 1843 began New Brunswick's search for a suitable currency. The ship pictured on the wood symbolizes the fishing industry that flourishes throughout the maritimes.

Let's Get Acquainted

A family trip to Paris in 1925 was the catalyst that started David R. Cervin on a numismatic obsession that apparently had never hit any other previous collector of coins. It did not take young Cervin, 12 years old at that time, to discover that some of the bookstalls along the Seine River also sold coins. And they were nothing like one could find in the states. Coins having dates in the 1600s were common, and even a few in the 1500s occasionally surfaced after diligent examining literally tens of thousands of coins, many of which bordered on junk.

Quickly, this became his obsession: to find the oldest dated coin ever minted. For the Parisian sojourn, this turned out to be a 1551 teston of Henri III of France. How much did it cost? Twenty centimes, or one cent at the then rate of exchange. How much is it now worth? About \$25, a 2500% increase!

Returning to the states, young Cervin found it completely impracticable to pursue the obsession of gathering early dated coins. There was no interest in them; coin shops just didn't stock them. For the next 44 years Cervin stayed away from numismatics.

In 1969 another trip to Europe, this time the result of winning the grand prize in a masonite contest to design a more livable home, refired his childhood obsession to find the very oldest of dated coins. He went into the project with a vengeance, as

if to make up for lost time. Within four years he had won both the Howland Wood Memorial Award for exhibiting and the Health Literary Award for writing, one of only five to obtain this coveted double given by the American Numismatic Association.

His collection of 265 pre-1500 Anno Domini dated coins is believed to be, by far, the largest private collection in the world. Of museums, only three in Europe and the American Numismatic Society's in this country are larger than Cervin's. Among his choeved'ouvre are two 1374 Aachens, the third oldest extant dated coin.

A second numismatic interest of Cervin's is the regnally dated coins of the Byzantine Empire. It was Justinian the Great who started dating bronze coins in A.D. 538, and, for nearly 200 years, those regnally dated coins can be found.

Compared to early dated Anno Domini coins, these regnally dated coins are much more common. Nevertheless, serious collectors of these coins can probably be counted on the fingers of one hand. Cervin's collection won the Edward T. Newell Award for coins struck before 1500.

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EDITOR

San Antonio has its own little "White House." And it's for sale. The San Antonio Little White House is a replica of the original as depicted on the U.S. \$20 bill and it's tagged at \$600,000. The house, owned by Joe Rainey Manion, is built on a 50 percent smaller scale than the original. Manion, who was the architect, contractor and foreman for the house, has a gold state dining room, with a buzzer underneath the table with which to summon the butler, just like the late LBJ had when he was in the original White House. He also built in an East Room, a Green Room, a Red Room, a main hall and an entrance hall. Fixtures, chandeliers, candelabra and fireplaces also are replicas . . .

When Lawrence Welk was a struggling young musician 'way back in 1926, he and his 6-piece band toured Texas to pick up a few engagements at dance pavilions. They were hired to play in the West Texas town of Wink. Welk tells about it in his autobiography "Wunnerful, Wunnerful!" - "When we arrived we discovered

there wasn't any town, only miles of cactus-strewn desert. At first it seemed almost insane for the six of us to be sitting outside in the middle of the desert playing waltzes and polkas while scorpions and rattlesnakes slithered by and the wind blew hot sand in our faces. But it turned out that those promoters had the right idea.

"They weren't interested in music so much as in selling land, and they had hoped our little band would have sufficient drawing power to attract some buyers. We did, and enough people bought city lots that day to get the town going. It's the only time in my career that I helped give birth to a whole town, and I have felt very close to Wink ever since. Land in the outlying districts was going for 15¢ an acre that day, and I could have kicked myself later for not buying any, because Wink eventually turned out to be a highly successful oil town with a population which grew to over 15,000 people . . ."

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from the 2nd vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Gerald W. Kendall

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Here in Houston during the past month, unemployment dropped a part of one percent. This means a bit more money in circulation and, hopefully, a few dollars more for numismatics. But there has been nothing for me. Maybe I should work harder.

So far I have received nothing from any governor or TNA representative in the way of suggestions for improving the exhibiting rules or widening the pool base of judges. This is not limited to those governors or representatives but to all TNA members.

At present I am working to present a united program with both TNA and Greater Houston Coin Club. Approval has been made with TNA to present a seminar at the Austin Coin Club show in September. Plans at present are to finish another two hours at the GHCC Money Show in 1984. Anyone who is interested in attending this seminar for the purpose of becoming a TNA judge should make arrangements to attend these shows.

We need a minimum of three judges in each field. It would be good if we could have six. This would pre-

clude the problems we experienced at Corpus Christi; each judge being asked to put in some eight hours in the task of judging. If anyone wants to judge, let him get in touch with me and I'll put his name on the seminar list. The seminar will start with the basics and work upward to the more technical points. An exhibit or two will be set up for the candidates to judge and time will be given for each person to raise questions and to criticize the exhibit. This way no one will have hurt feelings over a competitive exhibit being used for this purpose.

When finished, we hope to give a certificate. However, this small piece of paper will not fill in the gaps which only knowledge can. We are hoping to expand the knowledge and abilities of the candidates.

A store in Beverly Hills, Calif. is selling cat litter made from shredded currency. Each box reportedly contains more than \$10,000 in junked bills.

ANA News Roundup

American Numismatic Assn. Representative

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This year's American Numismatic Association convention will be held in San Diego, Calif., August 16-20. The schedule of events indicate some outstanding activities planned for that week. Frank and I regret not being able to attend because it is again scheduled too late in August. Hopefully many of you will be there.

ANA's building fund reports that over \$660,000 has now been donated. The goal of \$1 million is not too far away. Your donation, no matter how small, would be welcome. It may be sent to: ANA Building Fund, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901.

The ANA is now in the middle of a special membership drive aimed at

attracting the many novice and isolated coin collectors throughout the country. It is offering a premium to each person whose application for membership is received on or before September 30, 1983. The premium is a copy of the 1983 "Red Book," to be given for all classes of membership except Associate. These copies of the "Red Book" were generously donated to ANA by Western Publishing Co. of Racine, Wisc. for this promotion.

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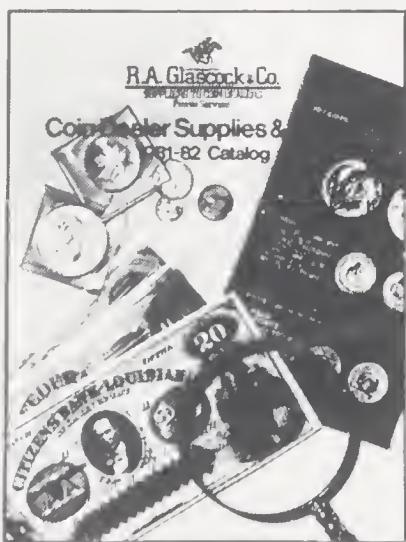
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District Meetings

DISTRICT I -

Stephenville
Coin Club members voted that the Board of Governors would make up the nomination committee to select new officers. The club met at Red Bandana Steak House.

On May 9, 50 auction lots were offered for sale and on May 23, 23 lots. An average of 20 attended each meeting. - **Lorene Randals, Sec.**



Morris Johnson
Governor

Membership and attendance are on the increase for **Midland Coin Club**. There were 16 present at the May 19 meeting.

Gary Moore presented a talk on "Chinese Cash Coins," and displayed his collection. He gave each member a "free sample" to start a collection of their own.

Val Kotraus showed a slide program on "Hard Times Tokens," an area that most members were not familiar with. - **August H. Ganze Jr., Gov. Dist. II.**

DISTRICT II -

Final details for the annual coin show to be held August 27-28 were discussed at the May 12 meeting of **Odessa Coin Club** held at Ector County Library.

A movie on The Franklin Mint was shown to the nine members attending followed by a discussion on minting and the minting process. - **August H. Ganze Jr., Gov. Dist. 2.**



August H. Ganze Jr.
Governor

DISTRICT V -

President James Brown called the meeting of **Garland Coin Club** to order with 39 members and guests present. George Johnson reported on the TNA convention. He said that attendance and interest were very good. The exhibits, which covered a wide variety of subjects, were all presented in good taste, Johnson noted.

Randy, a club member, gave a program on "Confederate Currency" using slides and a display of notes from 1861 through 1864. Jeremy Gilbreath won the door prize and C.C. Andrews conducted the auction. - **Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

A collector's auction will be held in conjunction with the **Dallas Coin Club** show to be held July 22-24, according to C.C. Andrews. The show will be held at North Park Inn. Money Market Coin Exchange of Dallas will be in charge of the auction.

Bob Johnston gave a slide program on "Types of Postage and Fractional Currency." This type of currency fills the gap between the all-metal "hard money" period before 1861 and the metal and paper money combination after 1862.

At the June meeting, a coin authentication program was scheduled based on the National Collectors Laboratories Genuine Characteristics Reference, recently purchased by the club. All members were to participate by authenticating their own coins. New club members are Kenneth Thomson and Dean Walker. - **Frank Clark, Sec.**

October 22-23 were the dates scheduled for the annual **Texomaland Coin Club** show when the club members met in May. At the suggestion of several dealers, the show will be held in the Denison Holiday Inn this year. Charles Wingo has been chosen general chairman, and H.C. Overt, bourse chairman.

TNA District 5 Governor Barney Welch, gave a report on the TNA convention and conducted the club auction. Gertrud Welch provided cake for the coffee break.

At the request of a recent member, president Wingo explained many of the precautions and safety measures

to be taken when ordering coins by mail.

Five visitors were present and two made application for membership.
- **Charles A. Wingo, Pres.**

DISTRICT VI -

"The Stock Market" was the topic discussed by Kyle Vick III at the meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club** with 24 present.

The club picnic was set for June 12 at Countryside and shelved plans until September for hosting an ANA seminar. Members also voted to extend an invitation to TNA to meet in Houston in 1987.

New members include Carl Shumate and Hal Jones. - **Melvin L. Neal, Sec.**

DISTRICT VII -

Members of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio are now meeting at San Antonio Savings Association building located at San Pedro Ave. and Loop 410.

Planned for June meeting programs were slides on "Crowns of the World" and "Counters - Pennies.



Al Loja
Governor



Frank Galindo
Governor

Nickels and Dimes," courtesy of ANA. Tom Walker is program chairman. Winners of door prizes were Ed Witt, Sharon Dougherty and Homer Mason. - Club Bulletin.

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Lee Grossman selected "Survey of Byzantine Coins" as the topic for a program for members of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio. It consisted of slides with taped audio. A mini auction completed the program.

At a previous meeting, Lee reviewed the club history from 1962 to 1983. Club presidents have been Dr. Robert Gaskill, Stanley Rupert, Alcedo Almanzar, Alvin Naumann, Ernest Price, Porter Montgomery, Raymond E. Whyborn, Marcus Brown, Grossman, Robert Krocker, John Holds, Ted Carmack, Jack Calhoun, Harold Eiserloh, Ted Almquist and Homer Mason Jr. - Club Bulletin.

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DISTRICT VIII-

Beeville Coin Club observed National Coin Week (April 17-23) with varied numismatic exhibits in the State Bank & Trust of Beeville. Five club members furnished material for the displays and A.J. Bushey served as chairman.

A type set of U.S. gold coins was the highlight of the exhibits. Also on display: Canadian gold coins, pre-



Joe B. Davis
Governor

1920 National Bank Notes, silver wartime nickels and Proof George Washington half dollars.

Also, sales tax tokens used by many states during the 1930s through the 1950s. Latin American countries were represented with the colorful currency of their land, Mexico, Argentina and others.

State Bank & Trust has two counter type cases and encourages individuals as well as organizations to use the cases for displays of all kinds.

The Beeville club had button-pins from the American Numismatic Assn., and the club's wooden dollars which were handed out as souvenirs.

- Edward F. Brown, Pres.

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Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi has reserved the Bayfront Plaza Convention Center for their October 8-9 coin show. Louis Gonzales has been named show chairman and David Walzel will handle the bourse.

Others to assist in show plans are: Floyd Bieniek, security; Alonzo Perez, tickets; and Glen Littrell, publicity.

On May 10, Perez gave a program on Federal Reserve Notes. Kirk Hoffman won the door prize. - Club Bulletin.

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New officers were installed to serve **Corpus Christi Coin Club**. Bob Evans is the new president; Dick Irby, 1st vice president; Louis Gonzales, 2nd vice president; Glen

Littrell, secretary; and Harrell Roberts, treasurer.

The installation service was held during the annual banquet at Ray's Restaurant. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX -

D.O. Joplin conducted the May meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield in the absence of the president and vice president. Both officers were ill.



Ed Chauncey
Governor

The club met in the Reddy Room with five members attending. The door prize was won by E.L. Pitzer. - **D.O. Joplin, Sec.**

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"The U.S. Federal Reserve System" was discussed by Ernest Marriott at the May meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** in Lubbock. Twenty five were present.

D.O. Joplin was voted Life Member #3 in appreciation of his club work and having served 14 years as TNA District governor. Joy Chauncey won the door prize and Jim Hall was auctioneer. - **Ed Chauncey, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT X -

The 15th annual coin, stamp and bank note show sponsored by **Spanish Trail Collectors Club** of El

Paso will be held Sept. 2-4 at Bassett Rodeway Inn.

Fifty dealers are expected to sign for bourse tables. Reservations can be sent to Frank Fox, Chairman, 8108 Newland Court, El Paso 79907 or phone 915/598-9186.

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DISTRICT XI -

Nela Runkle reported on the recent TNA convention at the May meeting of **Amarillo Coin Club**. Thirty nine members were in attendance. She displayed the first place award in the Club Salute contest won by the club.



Nela Runkle
Governor

A program on "Buffalo Nickels" was given by Dr. Wm. Stout who also exhibited nickels in proof, uncirculated, overdates and a three-legged example.

Roy Wilson gave the coin market report and winning the junior quiz was Cory Cluck. Other winners of drawings were Gordon Boyle, Chuck Steele, Ted Johansen, Darrell Tipton and Lenis Terry. An auction was held after the meeting. - **Nela Runkle, Gov.**

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DISTRICT XIII -

Forty members and guests attended the **Greenbelt Coin Club** (Vernon) meeting held at Olney Savings & Loan. Logan Essex, District 13

governor, reported on the TNA convention. Mr. Lemmond's name was drawn for the door prize.

Bill Howard reported on the mini club meeting held at Texas Electric Shop in Iowa Park. An auction concluded the meeting. Mr. Estes, club president furnished refreshments.

- Helen O'Steen, Sec.

DISTRICT XV -

The regular meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club** was held May 2 at Orange Community Center with Marie Casey presiding. Members discussed joining TNA in celebrating Texas Sesquicentennial in 1986.

Glenn Dowden presented a program on Canadian \$100 gold pieces. The coins were first minted in 1976 and Glenn gave the coinage history.

Door prize winners included Jerry Williams, Dewey Scott, Glenn Dowden, Bill Stein, Marie Casey and Lavada Canter. - Lucy Canter, Sec.

Jerry Williams reported on the TNA convention at the meeting of **Beaumont Coin Club**. Jerry pointed out that TNA members are not voting in TNA elections and that they should take part in the district's



Jerry A. Williams
Governor

activities and support the TNA governors.

The program was given by Steve Pecora on "Baseball Coins," issued in the 1930s to the 1970s. Companies issuing coins were Armor, Selat, Tops, Oland and Citgo. They were made of metal and plastic.

A.M. Dunlap joined the club and also won one of the many door prizes. Other winners were Linda Dowden, George May, Glenda Dowden and Jim Eldridge. - Club Bulletin.

FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

1984 - May 4-6, TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Amarillo.

1985 - April 16-20. TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, El Paso.

1986 - TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION, Ft. Worth.

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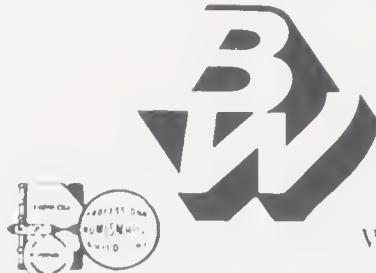
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mediaeval and later users of this monogram.

He is the originator and administrator of the Roman Coin Project for juniors. This program rewards juniors by giving them Roman and Byzantine coins for doing things in numismatics in a prescribed manner.

Cervin did both undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Illinois in architectural and civil engineering. He is a registered architect and professional engineer. His vocation is that of a home designer-builder; he also owns and operates a lumber yard.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED (Continued from page 9)

Cervin's third interest in coins centers about early Christian symbolism shown thereon. It was Constantine the Great, A.D. 307-337 and the first Christian emperor of the Roman Empire, who first placed the name of Christ on a coin, in the form of a monogram consisting of the first two letters of Christ in Greek, CHI (X) and RHO (P).

Cervin's collection includes all Roman and Byzantine emperors who employed Chi Rho's as well as

THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR

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Graves Rouse of Victoria found a different approach to his hobby in a novel way. His new business/hobby is selling peanuts. Not run-of-the-mill peanuts, though, they're *Mr. Numist Peanuts*. Rouse and his partner began shipping packaged Spanish peanuts in May and in the first orders "Wheat Pennies" were included in each package. The new company is headquartered in San Antonio. Trademark is a large peanut dressed up as a Texas cowboy grasping a "roped penny." Rouse, whose coin collecting hobby started when he was a youngster, is a familiar figure around Texas coin shows and we wish him well in his new venture . . .

When, as a young girl, Augusta Folda, TNA's first secretary lived in Deadwood, S. Dakota, she used to spend \$5.00 gold pieces. She said the railroad paid their employees in cash and there would always be some gold coins. They mined gold in Deadwood and a train from there

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Late Bulletin

HOUSTON TRAGEDY

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OCTOBER 8-9

LIBERTY COIN CLUB, Corpus Christi, annual show. **WRITE**: Club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415.

OCTOBER 22-23

TEXOMALAND COIN CLUB, annual show, Holiday Inn, Denison. **WRITE**: Club, Box 854, Denison 75020.

OCTOBER 29-30

LAFAYETTE, LA. COIN CLUB, 21st annual "Cajun Carnival," Municipal Auditorium, **WRITE**: Club, Box 52334, Lafayette, La. 70505.

NOVEMBER 11-13

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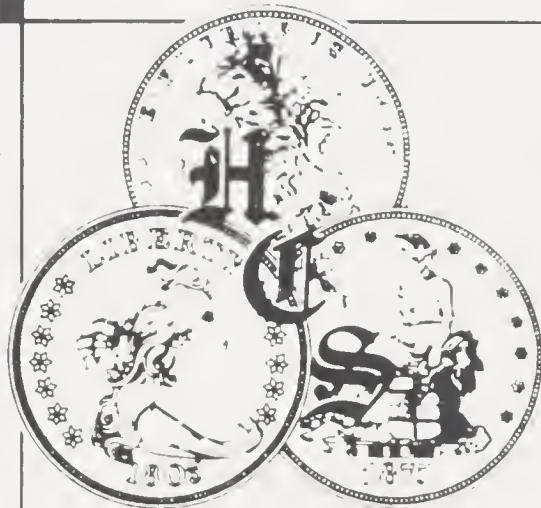
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